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FOR DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: SEC VISIT 31ST UNGA. REQUEST FOR BILATERAL BY

DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN

REF: COPENHAGEN 2952

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN ASKED ME SEPT 23 WHETHER I HAD RECEIVED REPLY REGARDING HIS REQUEST TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK (REFTEL). FORNMIN SAID HE WILL BE LEAVING COPENHAGEN FOR NEW YORK SATURDAY, SEPT 25 AND REMAIN IN NEW YORK UNTIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2. THIS IS LONGER THAN HE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO STAY IN NEW YORK BUT HE CANCELLED A SPEECH HE WAS TO GIVE AT A UNIVERSITY IN ORDER TO REMAIN A LITTLE LONGER AT THE UN. HE WILL THEREFORE BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY BETWEEN SEPT 26 AND OCTOBER 1.

2. FORNMIN CONFIRMED TO ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM NETO TO VISIT ANGOLA. VISIT WOULD COINCIDE WITH ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION NOV 11. ANDERSEN SAID THAT DANES ARE A LITTLE EMBARRASSED BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW WHO ELSE WILL

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BE ATTENDING THESE CELEBRATIONS, BUT HE EXPECTS THAT

HIGH-RANKING COMMUNIST LEADERS MAY ALSO BE PRESENT.
DANES HAVE INFORMED NETO THAT ANDERSEN WILL COME
BEFORE NOV 11 TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS AND, IF NEED BE,
WILL STAY OVER UNTIL NOV 11 TO ATTEND FESTIVITIES.

3. A DANISH BUSINESS MEN'S DELEGATION WILL BE
TRAVELING TO ANGOLA THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER, BEFORE
FORNMIN ANDERSEN ARRIVES. ITS TASK WILL BE TO TEST
BUSINESS CLIMATE FOR WESTERN COUNTRIES. DANES HAVE TWO
LARGE INVESTMENTS IN ANGOLA (CEMENT FACTORY AND
CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION) AND, WHILE BOTH ARE IDLE
NOW, THEY WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT WHAT PROSPECTS ARE
FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN ANGOLA IN THE FUTURE. THESE
FINDINGS WILL THEN BE COMMUNICATED TO FORNMIN
ANDERSEN WHO IN TURN MIGHT PURSUE THIS SUBJECT FURTHER
WITH ANGOLAN AUTHORITIES.

4. ANDERSEN DOES NOT KNOW HOW HIS TRIP TO ANGOLA
FITS IN, IF AT ALL, WITH SECRETARY'S EFFORTS TO HEAD
OFF MILITARY CONFRONTATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN
ANY CASE, IF THE SECRETARY FEELS THAT FORNMIN ANDERSEN
COULD BE OF ANY HELP WITH THE ANGOLAN PRESIDENT, HE
WOULD BE GLAD TO DO SO. AS THE SECRETARY KNOWS,
ANDERSEN HAS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH NETO WHICH
GOES BACK MANY YEARS WHEN NETO VISITED ANDERSEN AT
HIS HOME IN COPENHAGEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

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